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November 2, 2005 12:21 PM

Representative Katherine Harris U.S. House of Representatives 116 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Harris:

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Sincerely,

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Tammy Coon

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November 2, 2005 10:51 AM

Senator Dick Durbin U.S. Senate 332 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Durbin:

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November 2, 2005 11:04 AM

Senator Jim Talent U.S. Senate 493 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Talent:

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Jimmie Henry

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November 2, 2005 6:33 PM

Senator Tom Coburn U.S. Senate 172 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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November 2, 2005 7:31 PM

Senator Rick Santorum U.S. Senate 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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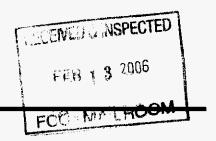
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Senator Arlen Specter U.S. Senate 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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November 2, 2005 9:25 PM

Representative Ron Lewis U.S. House of Representatives 2418 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Lewis:

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John Taylor

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November 2, 2005 9:40 PM

Senator Bill Frist U.S. Senate 509 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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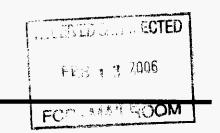
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Pamela Mills

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November 2, 2005 5:43 PM

Senator Chris Dodd U.S. Senate 448 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Lawrence Charette

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Senator Edward Kennedy U.S. Senate 315 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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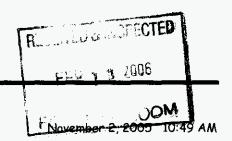
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Lisa Burns

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Senator Richard Lugar U.S. Senate 306 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Rachel Fletcher

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November 2, 2005 12:18 PM

Senator Mel Martinez United States Senate 317 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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November 2, 2005 11:04 AM

Senator Hillary Clinton U.S. Senate 476 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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November 2, 2005 11:00 PM

Senator Mike DeWine U.S. Senate 140 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

Randy Frambach

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November 2, 2005 9:25 PM

Representative Don Sherwood U.S. House of Representatives 1131 Longworth House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Jamie Snyder

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November 2, 2005 10:50 AM

Representative Jane Harman U.S. House of Representatives 2400 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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The Federal Communications Commission

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November 2, 2005 8:11 PM

Senator Ken Salazar U.S. Senate 702 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Cheryl Brown

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Eugene Bass

1325~2nd~St., VIDOR, TX 77662

November 2, 2005 1:41 PM

Representative Kevin Brady U.S. House of Representatives 428 Cannon House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Roy Benoit

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November 3, 2005 12:16 AM

Senator Mary Landrieu U.S. Senate 724 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Mary Hall

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November 2, 2005 3:27 PM

Senator Joseph Biden U.S. Senate 201 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Larry Brown

1516 mill st, Belle Fourche, SD 57717

November 2, 2005 3:24 PM

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Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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